CLAIMS

1. An electronic device, comprising:

a touch sensitive surface (14) for inputting strokes forming at least one character;

a memory (20); and

code (26) for interpreting inputted strokes and storing the strokes in the memory in a vector graphics format.

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2. An electronic device according to claim 1 further comprising an aerial (18) and code for causing the electronic device to combine strokes representing a plurality of characters and to transmit the combined strokes as a message via the aerial (18) over a mobile network.

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- 3. An electronic device according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the vector graphics format is the scalable vector graphics format.
- 4. An electronic device according to any preceding claim wherein the code records strokes representing one or more characters in the memory without carrying out character recognition on the or each character.
 - An input method for an electronic device, including: accepting (40) on a touch sensitive surface at least one stroke forming at least one character;

encoding (42) the strokes entered in a vector graphics format; storing (44) the encoded strokes.

6. A method according to claim 5 further comprising
combining (50) the stored encoded strokes to make up a complete message in vector graphics format;

encoding (54) the complete message for transmission; and

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transmitting (56) the complete message over a mobile telephone network.

- 7. A method according to claim 5 or 6 wherein the vector graphics
 5 format is the scalable vector graphics format.
 - 8. A method according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the strokes are recorded in memory without carrying out character recognition on the or each character.

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- 9. A computer program product containing code for causing an electronic device to carry out the steps of a method according to any of claims 5 to 8.
- 10. A computer program product recorded on a data carrier (20) containing code for causing a mobile device to carry out the steps of:

accepting on a touch sensitive surface (14) at least one stroke of text made up of at least one character;

encoding the strokes entered in a vector graphics format; storing the encoded strokes.